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BARTON		Game 2										ARMSTRONG		
3	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	2
	BARTON (3-2-0)	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	9	0	
	ARMSTRONG (3-2-0)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	2	

BARTON		Game 1										ARMSTRONG		
2	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	1
	BARTON (2-2)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	
	ARMSTRONG (3-1)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	





Posted: Feb 09, 2014

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Barton College baseball squad swept a pair of one-run games from host Armstrong Atlantic State University, winning 2-1 and 3-2 on Sunday afternoon at Pirate Field.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-2 on the season with the pair of wins, while Armstrong (3-2) suffered its first losses of the 2014 season by dropping the doubleheader.

Barton took a 2-0 lead in game one in the third inning on Andrew Webster's two-run double to right center field. The Pirates got one run back in the fourth inning on **R.J. Dennard's** RBI single to shortstop.

Game 2

BATTING

BARTON

2B: Dillon Rudio 2; JT Bunce

3B: none

HR: none

ARMSTRONG

2B: Clayton Miller

3B: none

Both teams had golden opportunities to add to the score but big defensive plays kept it a one-run game. Barton tried a double steal in the top of the sixth inning but pinch runner Bobby Jones was erased at the plate, while **Joey Lupus** was thrown out at home for the Pirates in the bottom of the sixth inning trying to score on Dennard's single to left field.

Armstrong went 2-for-10 with runners in scoring position in the contest and the Bulldogs closed out the game one win with Snooter Merryman setting down the side in order to earn his first save of the year. Kyle Rufer (1-0) got the win for the Bulldogs, hurling six innings of six-hit, one-run ball, walking two while striking out one.

The Pirates' **Mitchell Dolan** (0-1) took the game-one loss, giving up three hits and two runs in 3 2/3 innings of work, walking three while striking out five.

Webster went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs to pace the Bulldogs in the first game while Lupus and Dennard each had a pair of hits for the Pirates.

In game two, Barton again took the lead on a two-run double, this time from Dillon Rudio in the fifth inning to stake the Bulldogs to a 2-0 advantage. With the bases still loaded and nobody out in the frame, **Tyler Allen** entered the game and struck out Collins Cuthrell and induced a double play ball off the bat of Avery Harper to keep it a two-run contest.

The Pirates tied the game in the bottom of the sixth inning on an RBI groundout by **Tyler Avera** and a two-out RBI single by Dennard.

Barton again loaded the bases with nobody out in the seventh inning, pushing across what would eventually be the winning run on a wild pitch by reliever **Ryan Good**. Good would proceed to get out of the jam thanks to a lineout to right field and a double play ball.

Armstrong had a stellar chance to tie things up in the ninth when **Clayton Miller** led off the inning with a single and R.J. Dennard followed with a walk. Merryman was again called upon in relief for the Bulldogs and, after a sacrifice bunt moved Miller and Dennard up a base, the Barton reliever struck out **Matt Wisniewski** and **Berry Aldridge** looking to preserve the 3-2 win.

Merryman's second save of the day won the game for reliever Zach Breen (2-0), who hurled 2 1/3 innings of two-hit shutout ball, walking one while striking out three for the Bulldogs. Green (0-1) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up two hits and one run in two innings of work, walking two while striking out two.

Rudio finished game two with a 3-for-5 contest with two RBIs to pace the Bulldogs offensively, while Miller was the only Armstrong player with two hits in the second game.

Armstrong returns to action on Tuesday, February 11, hosting Claflin in a 2:00 p.m. non-conference contest at Pirate Field.



HR: none

FULL STATS

Game 1	
BATTING	
BARTON	
2B:	Andrew Webster; Nathan Boykin
3B:	none
HR:	none
ARMSTRONG	
2B:	Joey Lupus
3B:	none
HR:	none

FULL STATS

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